

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended) A player terminal configured for use in a gaming environment, where the gaming environment is one where cash cannot be used at player terminals, and where cashless vouchers are used at player terminals where the cashless vouchers further comprise indicia thereon, and where the indicia further comprises a transaction ~~identification~~ identifier ~~and further has no cash value therein~~, the player terminal comprising:

a game operably disposed within said player terminal, said game usable for gambling and playable by a player;

a network interface for operably connecting said player terminal to a communications network;

a cashless voucher reader operably disposed within said player terminal and configured to read cashless voucher indicia;

a cashless voucher printer operably disposed within said player terminal and configured to print cashless voucher indicia on a cashless voucher; and,

where said player terminal is further configured to

receive cashless voucher indicia from said cashless voucher reader,

send said cashless voucher indicia operably out of said network interface,

receive value data from said network interface where said value data

comprises a value associated with ~~said cashless voucher indicia and where said value data~~

~~is not on said cashless voucher~~ a transaction identifier extracted from said cashless voucher indicia,

generate a transaction identifier,

associate a value with said generated transaction identifier and then send
said associated information ~~game credit data~~ operably out of said network interface ~~and to~~
~~receive voucher data from said network interface where said voucher data comprises~~
~~cashless voucher indicia associated with said game credit data, said cashless voucher~~
~~indicia further comprising a transaction identification, and,~~

use said generated transaction identifier ~~player terminal further configured~~
~~to send said cashless voucher indicia to said cashless voucher printer resulting in~~ to print
a cashless voucher ~~being printed~~ having indicia thereon correlating to said generated
transaction identifier ~~indicia.~~

2 (Original) The player terminal of claim 1 where said indicia on said cashless vouchers further comprises at least partially encrypted data.

3 (Original) The player terminal of claim 1 where said transaction identification comprises a value derived from time.

4 (Currently Amended) The player terminal of claim 3 1 where said transaction identification ~~further~~ comprises a value ~~further derived from~~ that makes use of at least one of: date, machine number, or random number.

5 (Currently Amended) A method for using cashless vouchers with a player terminal having a game usable for gambling operably disposed therein, in a gaming environment where cash cannot be used at player terminals, and cashless vouchers are used at player terminals where the cashless vouchers comprise indicia thereon, and where the indicia further comprises a transaction identification ~~and further has no value therein~~, the method comprising:

receiving a cashless voucher into a cashless voucher reader operably disposed within a player terminal;

reading said indicia on said cashless voucher;

sending said indicia via a network to a computer having operably disposed thereon a database configured to associate said transaction identification portion of said indicia with a value;

receiving from said computer having said database said value associated with said transaction identification portion of said indicia; ~~and~~,

making playable a number of game credits ~~available to a player, where said number of game credits~~ corresponds to said received value, and

generating a transaction identifier by said player terminal for use on a cashless voucher when a cash-out occurs which requires a voucher to be printed at said player terminal.

6 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 where said transaction ~~identification~~ identifier is at least partially encrypted.

7 (Original) The method of claim 5 where said transaction ~~identification~~ identifier comprises a value derived from time.

8 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 where said transaction ~~identification~~ identifier ~~further~~ comprises a value ~~further derived from~~ making use at least one of: date, machine number, or random number.